Indo-China cooperation for global standards in IT

5273. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought India's cooperation for developing global standards in information technology;

(b) the details of the fields in which this cooperation has been sought by China; and

(c) the other details of the Information Technology Cooperation which exists between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) During the course of Minister's visit to China in July, 2000 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for bilateral cooperation in the IT sector was signed between India and China.

Fire in telephone exchanges in A.P.

5274. SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether PWG Naxals set on fire two telephone exchanges during the first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the estimate of loss suffered in this fire; and

(c) the action taken to nab the culprits and prevent such incidents in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Three telephone exchanges in Guntur district were set on fire in first week of February, 2002 in Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Approx. Rs. 23 lakhs.

(c) FIRs were lodged with respective police stations. To prevent

such incidences in future, the Superintendent of Police, Guntur has been asked to provide adequate security to the telephone installations in the vulnerable areas of the district.

Help to China for STP and Software Training Institutes

5275. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR;
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether China has sought Indian help to set up Software Technology Park (STP) and Software Training Institute;

(b) if so, the details of the professional expertise proposed to be given; and

(c) the other facilities to be provided to boost co-operation between the two countries?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Ministry of Information Technology, Government of India and Ministry of Information Industry of the Republic of China in July, 2000 for cooperation in the field of Information Techology, in the following areas:

(i) Computer;

(ii) Enterprise networks;

(iii) Information Technology;

(iv) Micro-electronic technology and integrated circuit;

(v) Software and its application and products;

(vi) Internet technologies and their application; Transfer of information technologies;

(vii) Establishing manufacturing joint ventures of information technology equipment.